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has a curved surface in which a center portion of said one wall of the plurality of walls is thinner than any other portion of said one wall.

2. (Amended) The sealed battery according to claim 5, wherein said battery is a lithium ion battery.

Please add the following new claim:

5. (New) The sealed battery recited in claim 1, wherein the battery case further comprises:

a second wall of the plurality of walls, wherein the inner surface of the second wall of the plurality of walls has a curved surface in which a center portion of said second wall of the plurality of walls is thinner than any other portion of said second wall.